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SUBJECT: MITREGA VISIT - JEWISH CEMETERY

1. MITREGA VISIT. DURING CALL ON ANOTHER SUBJECT POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI DISCUSSED MITREGA VISIT AND JEWISH CEMETERY IN WARSAW WITH DEP ASST SEC ARMITAGE. HE REVIEWED MITREGA TRIP THROUGH MAY 19 AND STATED IT GOING VERY WELL. FMC FACILITIES IN PRINCETON ESPECIALLY IMPRESSIVE AND FMC IS SPEAKING IN TERMS OF SALE OF \$500 MILLION GASIFICATION-LIQUEFICATION PLANT. STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA IS SET TO SEND A TEAM TO POLAND DURING JUNE. CONTRACT FOR ON-SHORE EXPLORATION MAY BE CONCLUDED AT THAT TIME. COOPERATION IN PRODUCTION MIGHT FOLLOW AT A LATER STAGE.

2. ARMITAGE INQUIRED ABOUT JEWISH CEMETERY IN WARSAW AFTER NOTING HE WOULD BE SEEING GROUP OF RABBIS MAY 23 ON VISIT ARRANGED BY SENATOR JAVITS. TRAMPCZYNSKI STATED PROF ISSAC LEWIN OF YEVSHIVA UNIVERSITY AND A LEADER OF AGUDA INTERNATIONAL IS GOING TO POLAND IN JUNE TO DISCUSS

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WARSAW CEMETERY AND OTHER JEWISH CEMETERIES. WILL ALSO

TRAVEL TO SWITZERLAND FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS. AMBASSADOR THOUGHT POLES COULD DEAL WITH LEWIN AS A SINGLE REPRESENTATIVE OF JEWISH INTERESTS IN THIS ISSUE. LEWIN IS MEMBER OF PRESTIGIOUS JEWISH FAMILY IN PRE-WAR

POLAND AND SERVED AS UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR IN WILNA AT THAT TIME. POLES WOULD DO NOTHING ON WARSAW CEMETERY BEFORE ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION WITH LEWIN. POLES NOW INTEND TO TRANSFER APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT OF REMAINS TO ANOTHER PORTION OF CEMETERY WHICH WOULD BE DECLARED HISTORIC MONUMENT. PROVISIONS WOULD BE MADE FOR NECESSARY RELIGIOUS RITES TO ACCOMPANY TRANSFER. PORTION OF CEMETERY THUS VACATED WOULD BE GIVEN TO OTHER PURPOSES -- URBAN HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION. RUSH

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